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## Unions Protest Work by Troops At Ord Village

A delegation of prominent union officials from throughout Monterey County met with Commanding General Fredericks at Fort Ord last week to protest work of painting and remodeling in Fort Ord Village and elsewhere on Army property by soldiers instead of by contracted labor.

Joined by several employing contractors, the group based its protest on two points: That Fort Ord should be training soldiers in combat matters rather than have the troops doing building trades work, and also that the soldiers were encroaching on work of the building trades unions. Carl Lara, president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union, was spokesman for the delegation.

General Fredericks was quoted as telling the group that the question of assignment of the GIs to the remodeling and painting was out of his hands, that he was following instructions from higher authorities.

The delegation also was told that the appropriations for the Army and for Fort Ord do not include sufficient funds for employment of union painters and other workers.

After the meeting with the general, the union officials and employers agreed that the next step was a protest to the Ways and Means Committee and to the Army's appropriations department, and agreed to take necessary steps for such protests, it was reported.

## Carpenters Hope New Salinas Jobs To Take Up Slack

Start of several new projects in the Salinas area will help to relieve the unemployment list of Carpenters Union 925, which suffered from recent layoffs at the P.G.&E. project at Moss Landing, Business Agent Harvey Baldwin reports.

Baldwin will travel to San Diego this week-end for the State Council of Carpenters convention there. During his absence, his hours at the union office will be kept by Office Secretary Mrs. Margaret Brown. The office will be open on Saturday as usual.

Included among the new projects in the Salinas area are:

Start of the new \$333,000 isolation ward at the county hospital, with Lemke Construction Co. of Las Vegas as contractor. Dan McMurtrey is construction superintendent.

Start of a new arcade building in the Valley Center tract on South Main St. in Salinas, eight store units to be included. Owner of the building is Russell Veach. Contractor is Harold Roach, who has designated H. T. Borchers as superintendent.

Baldwin said that the Prunedale School project, under Contractor E. A. Hathaway of San Jose, is near completion.

Local 925 now is under contract with Office Employees Union 94 and all official communications bear the office workers union label as well as the carpenters union seal.

Next meeting of Local 925 will be Tuesday night, March 7, a highlight to include a report on the state carpenters convention.

The cattle-killing "X" disease is so called because it is still a totally unknown quantity as far as its origin is concerned.

## Tri-County LLPE Hears Haggerty, Marion Walker

On Sunday afternoon, February 26, a meeting of the Tri-County League (Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties) of the LLPE was held in the D.E.S. Hall in Santa Maria.

The meeting was chaired by William Dean, president of the Tri-County League. Principal speakers were Marion Walker, Democratic Congressional candidate backed by the LLPE; and Neil Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor.

Walker stated that the main problems of the area he wishes to represent in Congress are: water, jobs and housing. He promised, if elected, to be more active in Congress than Ernest Bramblett, whose seat he will contest. Walker will be on the road after March 1 to meet the voters.

Neil Haggerty congratulated the LLPE on choosing Walker for its candidate. He stated that about one-third of the union locals of California have not paid their dues in the LLPE, thereby slowing up the work of the League which needs all the financial support it can get. He urged that all unions check up and make sure their LLPE dues are paid.

George Rice of Monterey stated that on March 4 at King City the LLPE will decide on its candidate for the California assembly to contest the seat of James Silliman. George announced that he is willing to serve as the assembly candidate if selected.

Besides George Rice (Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 business agent), others attending the meeting were: Tom Dorney and Joe Perry (the latter from the Cannery Workers Union) of Monterey; and from Salinas—Carl Lara, president of the Central Labor Union, and Fred Clayton, secretary of Teachers Local 1020. About 100 delegates attended.

By Fred Clayton.

## FARM LABOR UNION STUDIES LETTUCE WORKER SITUATION

Representatives of the National Farm Labor Union were in Salinas area last week to investigate the situation which came as result of the ouster of the Fruit-Tobacco-Agricultural union, which covers lettuce field and shed workers here, by the CIO recently.

Whether or not the lettuce workers want to be protected by a major AFL union, now that the CIO has withdrawn its support, is being studied. If the NFLU is wanted, an organizing drive will be conducted here, spokesmen said.

Persons wishing information on the NFLU program should direct questions to the Organizing Committee of the Central Labor Council, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas.

## CULINARY, BAR UNIONS SELECT CLC DELEGATES

New delegates to the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas have been named by Bartenders Union 545 and by Culinary Alliance 467, union secretaries report.

Dick Morgan, of Local 545, will replace Marcus Barnes as delegate from this union, according to Secretary A. J. Clark.

Mildred Roxas, new recording secretary of Local 467, is that union's newest delegate, replacing Norman Peterson, according to Secretary Bertha Boles.

## PGE Project Tapering Off; Layoff Begins

Major unions in the Salinas area which have supplied men to the \$50,000,000 steam generating plant being built by Stone and Webster Corp. at Moss Landing for the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. reported last week that the peak employment period has been passed.

Layoff of workers was announced by Laborers Union 272, Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union 503, Carpenters Union 925, and Electrical Workers 243, the release of men in some instances totaling near the 100 mark.

The layoffs were said to be general, for all crafts, as the plant construction has passed the halfway mark.

Some union officials said they had been informed that no "new" workers would be engaged, that only replacements would be called from now on.

The general layoff caused a heavy unemployment situation in most unions and resulted in clearance of many workers from the area to some other construction field in search of work, it was reported.

No large projects are being contemplated in the immediate future in the Salinas area and workmen were warned not to expect to find jobs there. Lists of unemployed must be cleared before newcomers can be put to work, union officials said.

## Electricians Seek Contracts In Radio Shops

Negotiations for a contract in the radio service and appliance service shops in the Salinas area were opened last week by Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, according to Carl Ozols, union business manager.

Ozols said that 19 appliance workers in the shops had become members of Local 243.

As the shops sign the union's contract, the union will publish the shop name and address so that AFL members will know which shops are union and which should be patronized by union members.

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Electricians Union 243 of Salinas reported the layoff of 80 workers at the P.G.&E. project last week, the layoff causing a sudden unemployment, Business Manager Karl Ozols reported.

## ARBUCKLE REPORTS MANY PLUMBERS IDLE

With crews of plumbers, steamfitters and pipe fitters on the PG&E project cut down recently, Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas has a number of unemployed men, Business Agent E. R. Arbuckle reports.

Replacements on the PG&E job will take up only a portion of the unemployment slack, Arbuckle added. He said he was checking the entire area closely in a work survey to determine future needs for men and urged that unemployed plumbers not come to Salinas to be added to an already over-large "out-of-work" list.

Most of the 664 thoroughbred stallions taken from France by the Nazis during the war, being easily identifiable, have now been located in Germany and are being returned.

## LABORERS TO ERECT NEW UNION HALL IN SALINAS; MANY CRAFTS SEEK SPACE

Construction of a new union Labor Temple in Salinas next door to the present temple at 117 Pajaro St. will be started as soon as plans and specifications have been approved, bids accepted and a contract for the project has been let, it was announced last week.

Tentative plans for the building have been approved by membership and the hall association of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, owners of the present labor temple which has become obsolete in the growing Salinas labor movement.

Local 272 will erect the new Labor Temple and will rent office and meeting hall space to AFL organizations. Already, according to Randolph Fenchel, president of the union and of the hall association, many of the unions in Salinas have sought to reserve space in the new building.

It was announced that the new temple would be of concrete throughout, would be "L" shaped with a large meeting hall along the rear of the property, a smaller meeting hall, a committee room, four double offices, and a recreation room in the front.

The large meeting hall, which will be across the lot on which the present building stands, will seat about 600 and will have a hardwood floor so that dancing will be possible for union social events. The smaller meeting hall will seat about 250.

Dimensions of the new building will be 52 feet wide in front, 125 feet from front to back, with the big meeting hall 100 feet long.

The present small office buildings standing behind the current labor temple will be moved to make way for the new construction. The present temple and offices will be used until the new structure is in use and then will be demolished to allow a parking lot on the site, the parking to be reserved for tenants only.

It was estimated that construction would be started within a month and the building would be completed for use sometime this summer. Blue prints are being made up now.

The present labor hall is a former residence which was remodeled into a labor union building in the late 1930s. For several years the building was rented by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, which has headquarters in Salinas, with office and meeting space rented by the council to unions.

During war years when the labor council was in need of larger quarters, the council itself moved in with Teamsters 890 at Main and John streets. At that time Laborers Union 272 purchased the present building and operated it as an AFL Labor Temple. Unions moved back to the temple and rented from Local 272 after losing lease on the Main and John street corner.

## Auto Glass Shop Picketed in Salinas

Pickets of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas were placed last week before the Salinas Valley Auto Glass Shop, 420 East Market St., Salinas, in an effort to gain a union agreement, Business Agent Carl Lara of Local 1104 reported.

Agreement with the Glaziers Division of Local 1104 have been renewed by two major glass shops in Salinas, the Fuller Paint Co. shop and the Salinas Glass Shop, Lara said.

## WORK PICTURE FOR LABORERS SAID IMPROVED

Despite layoff of some laborers at the P.G.&E. construction project at Moss Landing, work for members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas is holding up, according to J. B. McGinley, union business agent.

The layoff at the area's biggest project caused a sudden rise in the unemployment list, McGinley explained, but some of the idle men can find work in some of the following projects:

Three new stores to be erected in the South Main Street business development in Salinas, near the J. C. Penney store.

Work at King City, including a pipe line being laid by Valley Trenching Co., a sewer project by Scane Construction Co. of Fresno, and a curb and gutter project by Tout & Martin Co., of Fresno.

Grading and re-surfacing of certain streets in King City, a project to be started soon by Ted Baun, Fresno contractor.

Moving of the crusher building and the development of a new quarry for Permanente Cement Co. at Natividad, with grading and construction of new roads to the new quarry, which is about 1000 feet north of the present rock supply. This project will call for laborers in about two weeks.

Start of a sewer project to serve Laurel Park tract, the Stockton Construction Co. holding the contract.

McGinley said that construction on the state prison at Soledad is slower than expected and fewer men have been called than had been anticipated.

## SMOKE STACKS TO BE PAINTED AT PGE PROJECT

Rigging was being put up last week by the Judd Painting Co. of Oakland preparatory to the painting of the six towering smoke stacks at the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant at Moss Landing.

Business Agent Carl Lara of Salinas Painters Union 1104 said two local painters had been called to the job for preliminary work. Sand blasting will be started as soon as rigging is in place and two coats of lead paint and one coat of enamel will be applied, Lara said.

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Four Salinas painters from Local 1104 were called to the Laurel Park tract by General Contractor Pat Haley last week to speed painting of new homes there, according to Union Business Agent Carl Lara.

A check on the repairing project now under way at the California Rodeo grounds in Salinas disclosed that any painting would not be until near the time of the big show, in June, Lara said.

A gift is not a gift when it is non-union because something is being taken away from a union brother.



## Salinas Union Directory

**BAKERS 24**—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 896 Bellomy Av., Santa Clara, phone AXminster 6-3622; office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

**BARBERS 827**—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 415 Monterey St., phone 4-0; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

**BARTENDERS 545**—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

**BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)**—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannert, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Sec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

**CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR-C**, J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thos. A. Small, office at 306 Seventh Av., San Mateo, phone DIamond 3-6984.

**CARPENTERS 925**—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Carpenters Hall, Pres., Tom Mill, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 555 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716. Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

**CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)**—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., Floyd Hill, Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694W, office phone 197.

**CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373**—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; Sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Afton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)**—Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Carl Lara; Sec.-Treas., Garold Miller, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

**CULINARY ALLIANCE 467**—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**DRY CLEANERS 258-B**—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Louie Vistalli, 664 Terrace St.; Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243**—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

**ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39**—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 15th St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

**FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS**—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Bill Gray, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone Market 1-4958; Branch Agt., Ronald Schaeffer, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 6572.

**JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467**—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

**LABORERS 272**—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Matos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

**LATHERS 122**—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820. Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 528 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

**LAUNDRY WORKERS 258**—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRessie, 591st Ave., Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824**—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman F. Kephart, 133 Avis Court, Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9434.

**NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2279**—Meets on call at Labor Temple, 2111 Webster St., Oakland, Pres., Chas. L. Waite, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland, phone OLYmpic 2-3102. Sec.-Treas., Jean Johnson, 5463 Claremont Ave., Oakland, phone OLYmpic 3-0720.

**PAINTERS 1104**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., John J. Warburton, 1021/2 Conley, phone 3189. Rec. Sec., Peter Greco, 38 Marion, phone 2-1509. Fin. Sec. & Bus. Rep., Carl Lara, 27A McGinley Way, phone 8544; office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

**PLASTERERS 763**—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Nicholas Christier, 502 Lincoln; Sec. and Bus. Agt., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553.

**PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m. (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.). Pres., Carl Litvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle. Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

**POSTAL CARRIERS 1046**—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Elmer W. Gipe, 1236 Circle Dr., phone 6102; Sec., H. C. Schiele, 638 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

**PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'n. Union)**—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard, 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec., R. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

**RETAIL CLERKS 839**—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office at 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

**ROOFERS 50**—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 6744.

**STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420**—Meets on call, Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karcich, 20 Nativid Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

**SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616**—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. Mac-Rossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

**TEACHERS 1020**—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, phone 3065.

**THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611**—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL 543**—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 9597.

**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 247 Paloma; Sec., Pester A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

## Need Co-op Housing

Sen. Francis J. Myers (D., Pa.) is one of the many liberals who is supporting the middle-income co-operative housing bill.

"The passage of this bill will mean that thousands of people who have hitherto been unable to finance new homes will be able to do so," Myers says.

"... The middle-income housing bill... will be a big help in ending the housing shortage, and thus ultimately ending the need for rent control."

The city of Indianapolis became the capital of Indiana in 1885.

•Don't forget to register.

## Here's More Dope on Procedure In Getting Disability Benefits

### Additional Periods of Disability—

If you are disabled more than once during a benefit year, you may draw benefits for each period of disability. In no case, however, will you be eligible for disability insurance in any one benefit year for more than your maximum amount, regardless of the number of times you become disabled. You must complete a seven day waiting period for each different disability, except that (after January 1, 1950) if you have a relapse within 14 days after returning to work, you will not be required to complete a new waiting week.

### FILING A FIRST CLAIM

You are entitled to file a claim for disability insurance when you are unemployed because of a disability. The words "disability" and "disabled" include both mental or physical illness or injury. You are considered "disabled" in any week in which, because of your physical or mental condition, you are unable to perform your regular or customary work. Pregnancy is not a compensable illness.

Claims for disability insurance may be filed by (1) any individual who is covered by the State Disability Fund; (2) any individual who represents a claimant who is incapable of making a claim, or (3) the surviving spouse or such other person or persons who may be the claimant's legal heir.

**Eligibility Requirements.**—To be eligible for benefits you must meet all the following requirements.

1. You must file a claim for benefits. Claim forms may be obtained from your employer, doctor, hospital, or any office of the California Department of Employment. The claim form must be filled out completely, and mailed to the address shown on the form, before the twentieth day after the first compensable day of your disability. Instructions for completing the claim are included on the form. If you need assistance in completing the form, any Department of Employment office will aid you.

2. You must be examined by or under the care of a physician during the first eight days of your disability. He must certify on the claim form that you are physically or mentally unable to do your regular or customary work, and give his opinion as to the probable duration of your disability. Doctors authorized to sign your medical certificate include a physician and surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist or chiropodist who holds a valid license from the state in which he is practicing; or an authorized medical officer of a United States Government medical facility if you are hospitalized or under the care of the facility. If you are an adherent of a religious faith which depends for healing entirely upon prayer or spiritual means and your practitioner has been accredited by the department, he may certify to your disability.

3. You must have met the minimum earnings requirements.

4. You must have completed a seven-day waiting period (for which you receive no benefits) and have been unemployed and disabled for at least eight days. However, after January 1, 1950, the amount of waiting period to be completed by claimants who are confined in a hospital will depend upon the day on which the confinement begins.

5. You must submit to any reasonable physical examination the Department of Employment may require.

**Disqualifications.**—You are not entitled to receive disability insurance when:

1. Your disability occurred in connection with your work and you are receiving, or are entitled to receive for the same disability, workmen's compensation equal to or exceeding your weekly state disability insurance benefit amount. However, if your workmen's compensation payment is less than your weekly disability benefit amount, you may receive the difference in disability insurance.

2. You are receiving wages and they equal or exceed the amount of disability insurance you otherwise would draw. If your wages are less than your weekly benefit rate, you may receive the difference in disability insurance.

3. You are entitled to or are receiving disability benefits from an insurance company or a self-insured employer through a voluntary plan of disability insurance.

4. You are receiving unemployment compensation from this State, any other state or the Federal Government.

5. You are unable to work because of pregnancy or because of disability which is the result of pregnancy. Disability insurance is payable, if a person is eligible in all other respects, when a disability which results from pregnancy continues for more than four weeks after the end of the pregnancy.

6. You are receiving benefits for your disability from another state, the Federal Government, or the Railroad Unemployment Insurance system.

7. You fail to comply with any material requirement of the law or administrative regulations, such as declining to submit to a reasonable physical examination, failing through your own negligence to file a claim on time, or willfully misrepresenting your eligibility for disability insurance.

8. You are disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance because you left your work because of a trade dispute.

If you willfully make a false statement or willfully fail to report a material fact you may be disqualified for a maximum of 13 weeks.

## Hiring Hall Ban Upheld by Court

Washington.—The Taft-Hartley law has struck down again a vital labor-management device for industrial peace.

The Supreme Court upheld an order by the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Board prohibiting the use of the hiring hall on the Great Lakes.

The case involved the CIO National Maritime Union but the principle can be applied to all seamen's unions which won the hiring hall after long years of fighting to stabilize employment in one of the most precarious and dangerous of all callings.

The Supreme Court decision came on a refusal to review the finding of the New York Circuit Court of Appeals upholding the labor board ruling.

The labor board found the hiring hall as operated on the Great Lakes violated the closed shop ban in the Taft-Hartley law. It made a similar finding in a case involving the same union on the East and Gulf Coasts.

The board said that the method discriminates against nonunion seamen.

The AFL Seafarers International Union has invited congressmen to its New York hiring hall to see how it operates and why the Taft-Hartley law should be repealed to permit continuance of this stabilizing method for furnishing seamen to ship companies.

## Duck Flies 4,500 Mi.

A duck banded in California has been credited with the longest trans-Pacific flight ever recorded.

The female pintail was banded August 16 by Asst. Game Mgr. M. E. Foster of the California Division of Fish and Game at the National Wildlife Refuge in Siskiyou County. It was shot November 15 by L. T. Craig of Wellington, New Zealand, while hunting on Penhryn Island of the Cook Group.

The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service has reported the 4,500-mile flight is the second and longest trans-Pacific migration recorded for a duck banded in North America.

## NORTH COUNCIL OF PLUMBERS PICKS LEADERS

Election of officers, with two new vice presidents selected, headed business at the recent Fresno meeting of the Northern California Council of Plumbers and Steamfitters, according to Dan MacDonald, president of the council.

Contract matters were discussed along with a review of the agreement with plumbing contractors of 46 Northern California counties, but the matter was referred to the April meeting of the council in San Francisco, it was reported.

Elected were:

**President**—Dan MacDonald, business manager of San Jose Plumbers Union 393 (also secretary of the California Pipe Trades Council).

**Secretary-Treasurer**—William Flaherty, of Sacramento.

**Vice Presidents—District 1.** James Martin, of Oakland; **District 2.** S. B. Connors, of Vallejo; **District 3.** Paul L. Reeves, of Fresno; **District 4.** George W. Kyne, of San Francisco; **District 5.** R. L. Cloward, of Modesto; **District 6.** C. C. Tarnar, of Reno; **District 7.** James A. Kirk, of Stockton; **District 8.** John E. Turnbow, of Salinas.

## Grieving Rich

Private utility companies complain that they are being "regulated to death."

Standard and Poor's, the business reporting service, reports the net income of power firms increased 16 per cent last year. And that "a further substantial gain seems assured for 1950."

Death, where is thy sting?—(LLPE.)

Federal, state and local benefits to old people in 1950 will total \$2,735,000,000. This includes old age insurance, old age assistance, railroad retirement and civil service retirement plans.

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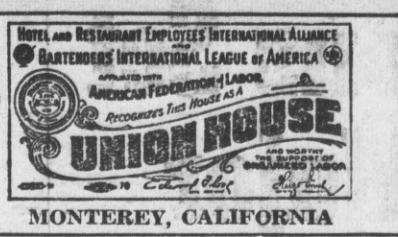
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# Local 483 Reports



Plans for the 13th Anniversary Party for Local 483 are shaping up very nicely, at last reports. Arrangements have been completed for the exclusive use of BIFF'S EL ESTERO NITE CLUB, and JOSE FLORES and his PAN-AMERICAN ORCHESTRA will be on hand to provide plenty of good music for our dancing and listening pleasure. Two tickets have been mailed to each member of our local, which have been charged against their account with the union. Members who will be unable to attend may sell the tickets to their friends or customers and pay for them when they next pay union dues, or the tickets may be returned to the union office one week prior to the party for a credit on the member's account. Since all the proceeds will go into our Sick Benefit and Welfare Fund, it is to be hoped and expected that the return of unsold tickets will be kept to a minimum. Additional tickets may be purchased at the union office, and also will be available at the door the evening of our party, March 13. Each member is urged to do his individual best to insure the complete success of this 13th Anniversary Party.

Organizational activity has been increased during recent weeks, and at present your Secretary is in negotiations with the owners of several places of business not presently covered by a union contract, where our members are employed. Progress to date has been very encouraging, and it is to be hoped that we will have several more signed contracts during the next few weeks, with a minimum of trouble involved.

The response of the 75 members appointed to serve on our 1950-51 contract study and negotiations group has been most gratifying. The committee members are taking their assignments very seriously, and are doing a commendable job of canvassing our entire membership with regard to any proposed changes which the members may desire in the new contract. If it should be the desire of our membership to have the contracts opened for re-negotiation, your officers will be enabled to do an excellent job of presenting to the employers the wishes of the majority of our membership, thanks to the fine work of our contract study committees. It is expected that all committee reports will be handed in by March 15, following which a special called meeting will be held to provide every member with an opportunity to vote on the proposals submitted by these committees. Notification of the special meeting will be mailed to every member—and each of you is urged to make it a point to be present and express your views.

**KARMELEKORN**  
Since the membership in attendance at the last regular meeting voted to continue the picketing of Karmelekorn Fountain Restaurant, with the additional use of volunteer pickets from amongst our members, your Secretary has taken steps to set up a program of volunteer picketing. Post card notifications will be sent out to each member, in alphabetical order, notifying them of their turn for picket duty as it comes up. A record of each member's participation will be posted in the union hall, and each hour spent on the picket line will be marked after the participating member's name on the record. If the entire membership echoes the feeling of the 120 members who attended the last regular meeting, there will be no difficulty experienced by the union office in maintaining this picket line. Your cooperation and assistance are urged by the Executive Board and your office staff.

Retail Clerks Union 839, of Monterey County, has established a

picket line at the Ordway Grocery & Meat Market, located on Fremont Extension in Seaside, in an attempt to win union wages and conditions for the employees of the store. The Butchers' Union has endorsed this action, as have all local unions affiliated with the Monterey Central Labor Council, and will support the picket line. All of our members who live in that section of the Peninsula are urged to respect the picket line and to urge their friends and neighbors to do likewise. In this fashion, full economic pressure can be exerted, and the dispute speedily be brought to a close. Please don't forget — **ORDWAY GROCERY & MEAT MARKET IS ON THE "WE DO NOT PATRONIZE" LIST OF THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL.** Do your shopping in a union grocery store and meat market, and help our sister local to win this dispute.

Regular March meetings of Local 483 will be held **WEDNESDAY, March 1, 8:30 p.m., and WEDNESDAY, March 15, at 2:30 p.m.** The attendance at the past few meetings has been excellent. Let's all turn out and make it even better than ever in the meetings to come! And please remember—the **PROPER PLACE TO DISCUSS THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF YOUR UNION IS IN THE UNION HALL** at our regular meetings, or with your office staff. **DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE RUMOR FACTORY**, with its misrepresentations and oftentimes malicious propaganda, by participating in street corner discussions which are not founded upon facts. Your officers are all anxious to represent our union fairly and honestly. **YOU** can help them to do this by attending the business meetings of the union, participating in our discussions, and doing your part to discourage the rumor-mongers who try to spread discontent among us.

Let's all get together at our 13th Anniversary Party on March 13, at BIFF'S. We can have a lot of fun—and contribute the proceeds to the most worthy of our union projects, the continuance of the **SICK BENEFIT & WELFARE FUND**—which is used to assist our less fortunate members when they most need the help. **DO YOUR PART.**

GEORGE L. RICE,  
Secretary.

## Socialism, Cuss Word

Apparently a suggestion reading something like this has gone out from the National Association of Manufacturers and U. S. Chamber of Commerce headquarters to daily newspaper editors:  
"When attacking the Fair Deal kindly substitute the word 'socialism' for 'welfare state.' John Foster Dulles and others have discovered that 'welfare state' is not an effective cuss word. 'Communism' may be used liberally, as before, to condemn any programs that will help the people."—(LLPE.)

## Win Insurance Program

Atlantic City, N. J.—The AFL American Flint Glass Workers Union won a new contract for 1,500 members employed by glass container manufacturers. The agreement provides a joint contributory health and accident insurance program, 3 paid holidays a year, and changes in rules governing work schedules. There was no general wage increase for the members who now receive \$1.70 to \$1.75 per hour.

Don't forget to register.

## CHILD LABOR LAW CHANGES ARE EXPLAINED

The Child Labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage and Hour Law) were strengthened and several big loopholes were plugged by amendments to the Act recently passed by Congress.

Earl T. Baker, who represents the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of this area, said the amendments directly prohibit the employment of oppressive Child Labor in industries engaged in interstate commerce. Previously, he pointed out, the ban applied only to firms shipping goods in interstate commerce.

"The amendments closes a big loophole," he said, "under which firms could escape liabilities by withholding goods from shipment in interstate commerce for 30 days after they had stopped using oppressive Child Labor."

"Another important change concerns employment of children to work in agriculture. The original act said children under 16 years old could be employed when not legally required to attend school. The amendment says they can be employed on farms only outside of school hours for the school district where they are living while employed.

"The amendment also permits children to be employed on farms during school vacations and on holidays, and after school hours. It does not interfere with the right of a parent to employ his own child on the home farm. The new provision applies only to employment on farms covered by the act.

"Newspaper carriers are exempted for the first time from the Child Labor, Minimum Wage and Over-time provisions if they deliver papers to consumers."

He explained the hazardous occupations orders which prohibit children under 18 years old from being employed in certain dangerous jobs. These include, he said, working as a driver or helper on a motor vehicle, and operating hoisting apparatus, including freight and passenger elevators.

Baker can be reached for further information at CYpress 2-2756 in San Jose.

## Extend Time on Disability Hearing

The Industrial Accident Commission has extended to May 1, 1950, the time during which objections may be filed to the revision of the Commission's Permanent Disability Rating Schedule, which at present, is expected to apply to all cases of injury occurring on or after July 1, 1950. Previously the Commission had set the dead line for objections as March 1, 1950.

## Game Violators

The average violator of the California Fish and Game Code paid \$41.80 for his offense during the month of December, according to records compiled by the Bureau of Patrol, Division of Fish and Game.

The month's crop of 448 errant sportsmen also spent an average of one and one-tenth day in jail.

State wardens arrested 111 anglers for violations of clam and ocean fishing laws. An even hundred hunters were apprehended after breaking upland game bird hunting regulations.

Fines assessed by California judges brought State and County fish and game preservation funds a December jackpot of \$18,733.

**473,000 SUNFISH**

Division of Fish and Game personnel from the Whittier fish hatchery rescued 473,000 bluegill sunfish, 1500 black bass, and 350 catfish from receding waters in San Bernardino County during the month of December.

Synthetic automobile tires that wear some 30 per cent longer than natural rubber are being made in the United States; the synthetic rubber is produced at near-freezing temperatures.

## LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California  
GAROLD F. MILLER, Secretary

Use of service personnel in doing work of building trades crafts at Ford Ord and Ord Village was discussed at length at the February 17 meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, following report of this activity by delegates.

William Cruthers, former business agent of Plumbers Union 503, informed the council that the building trades council had been studying the situation.

The labor council agreed to send a committee to contact the commanding officer at Fort Ord in regard to the situation. (Editor's Note: For report on the contact with the commanding general, see separate story.)

**Roofers Union 40** informed the council that labor would be supplied for the roofing of the new Labor Temple. This union reports four new members initiated at its last meeting.

**Painters Union 1104** reported plans for a county-wide completion ceremony for apprentices.

**Retail Clerks Union 893** reported membership at Santa Cruz meeting has accepted proposed changes in by-laws, excepting that calling for one monthly meeting in Salinas.

**Engineers Union 39** reported that all meetings will be held in Salinas henceforth, negotiations under way for a new agreement.

## Farm Income Drops 20% in Two Years

"While farm income has come down more than 20 per cent since 1947, the personal incomes of non-farm people have gone up 10 per cent.

"How well are farmers doing? They are still making more than twice as much money as before the war. But everybody else seems to be doing as well or better and, actually, farmers have been making less every year for the past few years."—Sec. of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan.

North Dakota claims to be the number one American barley-producing state.

## In Union Circles

Thomas Eide, business agent of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey, will travel to San Diego this weekend to attend the State Council of Carpenters convention there.

Pickets were placed by Retail Clerks Union 839 before the Ordway Market on Fremont St. Extension in Seaside last Friday. Details of the picketing were not announced.

Only work on Monterey's Cannery Row these days is that of repairing and maintaining equipment in the plants, plus some activity in warehouses, union officials report.

Mrs. Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Laborers 272 at Salinas, was back on her job last week, after a trip to a hospital for treatment.

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## EDITORIALS

### VICTORY OF LABOR PARTY

Those who are doing so much talking and writing about the terrible shellacking the British Labor party sustained in the recent election seem to overlook the fact that, after all, it was a clearcut victory in which the Labor party has a majority over all the other political parties. The fact that it has this majority places it in a position to go ahead with its program just as effectively as if it had a larger majority, so long as the membership of the party sticks together.

It is the exception, rather than the rule, that any political party has a majority over all the other parties in the various countries of Europe. Any country in which the leading party gets a majority over the total vote of all the other parties, would be considered to have extraordinary strength and no matter how small that majority might be would nevertheless be considered enough to place it in a position of absolute control, so long as the party itself remained united and attended to business.

Unfortunately the British are proverbial for their piddling, for their getting at things entirely "too little and too late." If the Laborites give in to this failing, because their majority is small, then they are headed for nowhere except ultimate and complete defeat. They cannot stand still where they are. They must either go ahead, or out they go. It is far better to go down fighting than to die of inactivity.

### BETTER THINK OF HOME

While a lot of our politicians are talking about foreign policy as if they thought the very life and future of our nation depends on that above all things else, they simply sidestep our home issues, as if they were afraid to touch them. It has been so ever since our last war ended. The result of this twisted mentality has been very injurious to our country as a whole and many of our people are getting impatient with this endless dodging of our home issues, while foreign issues are discussed from morning till night.

No matter how important foreign issues may be they can never, under any circumstances, be anywhere near as important as are affairs at home. Unless our lawmakers in Congress can realize this very soon and do a whole lot better than they have been doing there should be a lot of those now holding seats in our national law-making body, who will find themselves elected to stay home after the next election.

Lawmakers who think they can junk with impunity such live issues as rent control and other forms of price controls may find people demanding to know what they did about these matters while they still were in a position to do something. The same applies to many other home issues that affect large masses of our people, like pensions, health insurance, development of educational institutions and many other problems of deep concern to all of us.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Getting registered is every voter's own job. If you have no other way immediately available you can always go to your city hall, or better still, to your court house and there get this matter attended to.

If you have not registered by this time it proves that you have been putting this important matter off until it is very late. Millions do this every year with the result that fully half of those citizens who are eligible to vote in the United States, if they would register, simply forfeit that right by their own neglect.

Don't be caught this way again, especially this year when the future of the entire labor movement hangs in the balance. Your vote counts as much as does the vote of the President of the United States, or as much as the richest man living. But if you are not registered your vote counts for exactly nothing because you have placed yourself in a position where you cannot exercise your vote at all.

After you have registered yourself do not stop there until every member of your family, who is eligible to vote, is likewise registered. Then help to check up on as many of your friends as you contact them. Only a few weeks remain to get registered for the primary election. If you have not already attended to this important duty make it your next most important move.

By a vote of 193 to 191 the House of Representatives the other day rejected a motion for additional millions to maintain our troops in Korea. A few days later many millions were voted for both Korea and Formosa.

# Calif. Unions Set To Open Major Spring Pay Talks

(State Fed. Release)

Collective bargaining increases negotiated throughout the state during January involved a relatively small number of workers, but plans were being laid for major negotiations during the coming months, according to an announcement issued this week by the California State Federation of Labor.

Negotiations during January involved an estimated 7,500 workers, who gained an average increase of 3c an hour. If the "no increase" settlements are omitted, some 3,300 workers gained increases of 7½c.

Collective bargaining proposals were formulated by several major groups during the past month:

The State Council of Machinists urged a 15c an hour increase in pay and a uniform employer-paid health and welfare plan for the 100,000 members in its 100 affiliated lodges.

The 15,000 Machinists of the Bay Area also will press for joint administration of their present plan and for the payment of any refunds to employees rather than to employers.

The Pacific Coast Metal Trades decided to retain the status quo on master shipyard contracts, to raise manufacturing and production shop wage scales in uptown districts, and to continue the fight for the seven-hour day.

The Sheet Metal Workers of Northern California will seek an area-wide employer-paid health and welfare plan, plus wage increases negotiated on an individual local basis.

The Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers is studying a pension plan, plus wage increases by individual locals.

Dried fruit workers throughout the state are asking a 10 per cent wage boost and three additional paid holidays.

This survey is based on union reports published in the California labor press.

**BUILDING AND METAL TRADES**  
Shipwrights No. 1300, Painters No. 333, Electricians No. 569 and Machinists Lodge 389, San Diego, AND San Diego Employers Assn., for shipyards: continuation of current rates following initial management demand for 10c cut; Jan. 1950; about 500 workers.

#### CLERKS

Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, San Francisco, AND employers: \$6.50 per member per month employer contribution to health and welfare plan; effective Jan. 15, 1950; 550 members.

#### CULINARY

Culinary unions, San Diego, AND Tavern Owners' Assn. and San Diego Employers Assn.: contract continued in face of SDEA demand for cut; Dec. 1949; about 2,000 members.

#### TEAMSTERS

Teamsters No. 490 (beer drivers), Vallejo, AND employers: additional week paid vacation; Jan. 1950; about 100 workers.

Teamsters No. 150, Sacramento, AND draymen employers: 2½c and seven paid holidays (equals 6½c-7c); Jan. 1950; 275 workers.

Teamsters No. 315, Richmond, AND Richmond Sanitary District: \$1.50 to \$2 per day; Jan. 1950; 50 workers.

Sales Drivers No. 683, San Diego, AND six pie and doughnut firms: \$3 per week; Jan. 1950; 30 members.

Teamsters No. 431, Fresno, AND six plumbing supply warehouses: newly organized, 5c to 47½c, vacations, holidays, sick leave, etc.; Jan. 1950; 30 employees.

Teamsters No. 431, Fresno, AND bakery employers: award by arbitration of \$5.50 to \$6.50 per week, retroactive to Sept. 5, 1949; about 50 workers.

Teamsters No. 431, Fresno, AND wholesale grocery warehouses: 10c; Jan. 1950; about 100 workers.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND wholesale bread and pie shops in

Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings: two-hour reduction in work-week with same weekly pay (equal to 5c to 10c); Jan. 1950; 190 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND wholesale processing and storage and Northern California Distributors' Assn.: 7½c, retroactive to Sept. 1, 1949; 80 to 150 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Bakery Employers Assn.: 7½c, effective Dec. 1, 1949; 80 employees.

Building Service Employees No. 18, Oakland, AND 20 bowling alleys in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties: 6c; Jan. 1949; 200 workers.

Building Service Employees, janitors in Northern California, AND motion picture theaters: 50c to 80c; Jan. 1950; 365 workers.

Building Service Employees, janitors in Southern California, AND motion picture theaters: \$1 to \$1.20 per day; Jan. 1950; 400 workers.

Cannery Workers of the Pacific, San Diego, AND Can Camp: continuation of present tuna prices throughout the year; Jan. 1950; 74 vessels.

Cleaners & Dye House Workers No. 177, Vallejo, AND Solano employers: 10c effective Jan. 1, 1950, 5c more effective June 1, 1950; two more paid holidays; Napa employers the same, starting Feb. 1, 1950 and August 1, 1950; about 100 workers.

Theatrical Employees Nos. B-82, B-18, B-66, Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento, AND motion picture theater industry: 2½c to 12c, effective Jan. 1, 1950, and additional 2½c Jan. 1, 1951; about 600 workers.

Stereotypers No. 104, Fresno, AND employers: \$5.40 a week, retroactive to Sept. 1, 1949; about 40 workers.

### People Have More Liberties Than Ever

"I should like to know just what liberties are being taken away from the American people under the present Democratic administration.

"The truth of the matter is that the people of America have more liberties today . . . than they have had at any time in history . . . the people have more happiness, more enjoyment, more of the good things of life, more money in the bank, and more of everything else than they have ever had under any previous administration."—Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.).

## Bits Of Humor

Our fashion editor predicts necklines so low they'll make babies cry.

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A woman may don riding clothes and not go riding; she may put on a bathing suit and not go in the water; but when she gets into a wedding gown she means business.

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Some dogs have won their fame by playing chess—a silly game. Other mutts have made their mark by summing numbers with a bark. These pooches can have all that junk, for what they're doing is the bunk. Mine don't tell jokes—he don't like gags; beneath his eyes there are no bags. He has no pessimistic qualms, for he's working on atomic bombs.

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Three Boy Scouts reported that they had done a good deed—they had helped a lady across the street. "Yes," said the scoutmaster, "that was a good deed. But why did it take all three of you?" "Because," explained one of the trio, "she didn't want to go."

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As he regained consciousness after his operation the room seemed very dark, so he asked, "Why are all the blinds down, Doc?"

The doctor answered, "Well, you see, there's a fire across the street. I didn't want you to awake, see the blaze, and think the operation was a failure."

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"Sweet Adeline" is the bottle hymn of the republic. (That one is so old it can be revived.)

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Criticism is often a disguised compliment; no one kicks a dead dog.

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One realizes how much the voice can change when his wife stops nagging—and answers the phone.

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Some men pray on their knees Sundays and prey on their fellow men the rest of the week.

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Little Willie on the run, Slipped and dropped a loaded gun. Soon they came and picked up Willie.

The funeral, it was a dilly.

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Doctor: "Your cough sounds better this morning."

Patient: "It should. I've been practicing all night."

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Throckmorton: "Do you think someone can really tell the future by looking at cards?"

Al: "Mom can. She took one look at my report card and told me just what would happen when Pop got home!"

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A hiccup is a message from departed spirits.

As one result of the war, America now has over 6,000 meteorologists trained to supply weather information for aviation, invasion and attack, who now can assist in weather forecasting for civilian purposes.

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# THAT SACRED RIGHT TO WORK? OK GIVE US JOBS

For every worker reported out of work there are, at least, five which are not reported. What is being done about this situation. What about the sacred right to work? What will the heavy thinkers at the capitol do about that?

Yes, dear readers, when anti-Unionists want to crusade against the Union shop, they always have something to say about the sacred right to work. When John L. Lewis was in Court because the coal miners struck, the dailies, and the other organs of the big biz were filled to the overflowing about thousands of steel workers, automakers, railroad men and others being thrown out of work because megalomaniac (?) Lewis decreed we should have no coal. They said no man or set of men had a right to deprive another of his job.

Why are not the dailies spouting about that today? Why do they keep silent about the number of large firms laying off thousands of bread winners, and shoving them over to live on the unemployment dole?

Why do the dailies keep silent over the large number of men and women who are denied the right to work simply because they have committed the heinous crime of growing to be 35 years old or older? Yes, some of the big corporations will not hire workers over 30? What about the sacred right to work?

We shall hear a lot of the sacred right to work, the next time we have a strike in a strategic industry. Undoubtedly there will be lawmakers who favor outlawing strikes in public utilities because they will interfere with other businesses, and the rights of others to work.

But—when men and women are out of work, and a great wave of unemployment is on the very doorstep of the State of Maryland, and lay-offs are continuing at an alarming rate, the lawmakers are blind, deaf and dumb. They are too cowardly to come forward and to say, "Now is the time to talk about the sacred right to work."

Let the Legislature do something to put the unemployed back to work at wages and salaries which will enable them to earn a good living wage to support their families."

If the lawmakers are sincere in their expressed desire to prevent the growth of Communism, all they need do is to see to it that good jobs are provided for those willing and able to work.—Exch.

## Housing Helps Everybody

Millions of families of middle income can't afford to buy homes. Millions of these families spend more than they can afford in rent. Other millions in the same income group rent housing more cheaply in suburban or rural areas than they can in cities—but they have to spend most of the money thus saved for transportation. And what they spend for excessive rent and transportation is just that much less that they can use for food and clothing.

The building industry wails constantly about the depression that's always, for them anyway, just around the corner.

So it seems that a law to promote housing construction on easy terms for middle income groups would be a boon not only to those directly affected. It also would boost the sale of farm products. It would help the makers and sellers of paint, hardware, bricks, plumbing fixtures, lumber. It would stimulate activity among the manufacturers and retailers of clothing.

In just about every way, the middle income housing bill which Congress is now considering would help the whole economy as well as help millions of men, women and children find a decent place to live at a reasonable price.—League Reporter.

# CLERKS OPEN FUND DRIVE ON SAFEWAY

(State Clerks Release)

Clerks unions throughout California are being called into special meetings beginning this week to pass on a proposal to raise a \$200,000 fund to back the strike against Safeway.

The unions were being asked to pass on a recommendation to assess themselves \$1.00 per member per month for a period of five months to provide funds for carrying on the strike against the chain.

The recommendation originated with regional meetings of officers and executive boards of the local unions, who met in Sacramento and Los Angeles the past two weeks to hear direct report on the progress of the strike in three Bay Area counties.

They were also told of developments in other areas—Santa Clara County, Fresno and Vallejo—which open up the possibility of further enlarging the dispute with Safeway.

Meantime, headquarters of the Joint Committee of Striking Safeway Employees was receiving expressions of support in an ever-increasing volume from local unions scattered all over the state.

Support of the striking clerks' state-wide boycott was growing and many unions were making their support specific with financial contributions.

## "ONLY ONE SAFEWAY"

In a renewed appeal to unions and union members, the Joint Committee pointed out:

"There's only one Safeway."

"Whether you meet it in Eureka or San Diego, it's still the same giant chain under the same anti-union management."

"Every dollar that goes into a Safeway cash register, whether it's in Sacramento or San Bernardino, builds the resources which Safeway uses to attack the clerk's unions—first in the Bay Area, later in other areas of the state."

The Joint Committee pointed out how Safeway that cries it was not against unions is the same Safeway that is conducting a bitter anti-union fight in the Bay Area.

"The Safeway that proclaims 'the stores are unionized' is the very same Safeway that is preparing new attacks against still other clerks' unions in still other areas."

The Joint Committee charged that Safeway is attempting to upset contract protection which is not only standard throughout the food industry but is an essential part of union contracts in endless other industries.

It asked unions and union members to renew their support of the strike by continuing to withhold their patronage from Safeway until the firm is 100 per cent union throughout the state.

# FDR's Words Still Live

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**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Roy Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 6744.

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**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5633; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson. Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

## Big Profits In Housing

(State Fed. Release)

Despite the real estate lobby screams of government competition in the housing industry, private construction is reaching new production peaks, according to a report announced this week by the joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report.

The government survey showed that in January 1949 the total of private residential construction amounted to \$475 million.

In July 1949, the Public Housing Act was adopted over the militant opposition of the real estate lobbyists, who warned it would mean the end of private enterprise in the housing sphere.

In January 1950, private residential building totaled \$650 million. This is an increase of more than one-third above the 1949 figure.

## Machinists Sponsor Labor Song Book

Washington, D. C.—"Sing a Labor Song!"

That's the title of a new book of songs sponsored by the International Association of Machinists.

The big 600,000-member independent union, which has been invited to reaffiliate with the AFL, is blazing a new trail for the American labor movement. Never before has a union officially sponsored a volume of new songs.

Machinists' Pres. A. J. Hayes announced publication of the book of eight new labor songs by Gerald Marks and Milton Pascal. The publisher is Gerald Marks Music, Inc., 1619 Broadway, New York City.

"We in the Machinists Union have long felt that the American working men and women needed new songs through which to express their hopes and determination," Hayes declared. "We believe that this collection of new songs will help to meet that need."

"These songs tell labor's story better, perhaps, than all the speeches we could make. I know they will be enjoyed by Americans in all walks of life. I believe that they will help us as Americans to understand one another better."

This collection of new labor songs covers many phases of labor's activities, from pensions to the picket line. Included in "Sing a Labor Song" are:

A Pin for Your Lapel (a pension song); Let's All Shed a Tear (for the boss); Fifty Years Ago (reviewing labor's gains over the last half-century); Labor Day (a march); Election Day (for use in the register and vote drive); The Guy That I Send to Congress; On a Picket Line (a chant for use by pickets); It Can Only Happen in the U.S.A. (a patriotic song).

Gerald Marks and Milton Pascal, who wrote the music and lyrics of these songs, are the writers of many song hits. Marks' previous hits include such favorites as "All of Me," "Is It True What They Say About Dixie?," "The Night Shall Be Filled With Music" and "Mountain Gal."

"I Wanna Get Married" from "Follow the Girls" is one of Milton Pascal's hits.

"Sing a Labor Song," including all eight songs, will sell for 25c with substantial discounts to any union ordering in quantity. A record album of these songs will be available next month.

## Actors' Private Lives Not Union Business

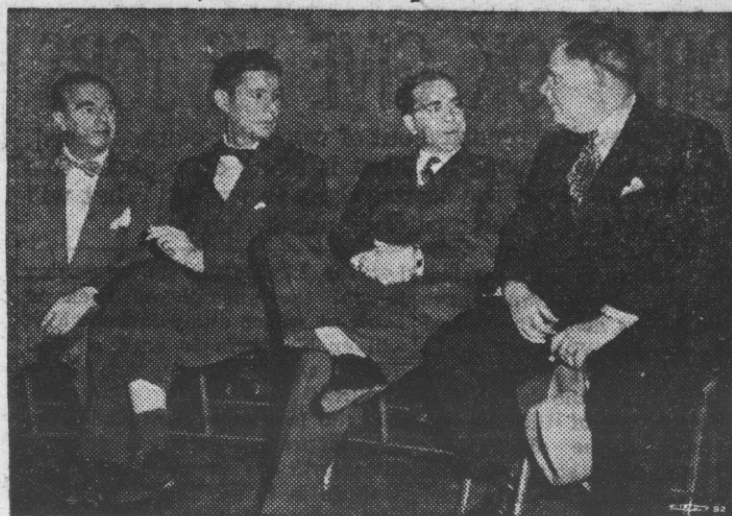
Hollywood.—The Screen Actors Guild (AFL) declared flatly Feb. 10 that it will not interfere in the private lives of its members.

Its statement came after Exec. Dir. Gael Sullivan of the Theater Owners of America, obviously referring to recent sensational stories about several of Hollywood's glamour stars, called for union disciplining of "those members whom they find to be fugitives from moral decency and offenders against good taste."



**CLASSY CASTLE**—Peggy Castle was voted the most likely to succeed by a group of young men in California who had nothing better to do than examine pictures like this.

## Doherty Talks Stamps With Officials



AFL Vice-President W. C. Doherty, right, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, discusses the Samuel Gompers commemorative stamp at first day ceremonies Jan. 27, 1950, with I. to r., Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright, a member of the AFL Typographical Union; Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip M. Kaiser, and Undersecretary of Labor Michael J. Galvin.

## Kill Pensions, Roars Hearst

Down with old age pensions!

That's the way the smelly Hearst papers feel about old age security for the bulk of the American people, shouting loudly against everything the common people want or need, in the hope that some will hear and believe in dazed confusion.

"Are they (the American people) so poor and improvident that the Federal government must provide old age pensions for them all?" a Hearst editorial thunders.

Before the Hearst papers get carried away by themselves, these are some facts they might (but we know they never will) consider:

A congressional committee reporting on incomes last year pointed out that:

4,020,000 families earn under \$1,000 a year.

5,580,000 families earn under \$2,000 a year.

7,950,000 families earn under \$3,000 a year.

That means 45% of American families are living on incomes of \$60 a week or less. Another 30% are in the \$60 to \$100 range.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics budget on cost of living points out that the average family (of four) needs a minimum of about \$65 a week merely for its basic needs.

And how is a wage-earner earning that kind of money going to provide for security in his old-age for himself—as Hearst wants him to do? Obviously he's not. But considerations about the welfare of the American people have never moved the Hearst press.

It is dedicated to shouting for the interests of the owner class, and to controlling the thoughts of the producing class in that direction.

The Hearst press is dedicated to betraying the interests of the people who shell out a nickel or seven cents a day to support it.

Frankly, if you buy a Hearst paper, we hope you can find a better use for your nickels or seven cents.

## Bad Medicine

The doctors in Huston have made the American Medical Association happier than an emperor whose subjects have presented him with a new diamond for his crown.

The Harris County (Houston) Medican Society—one of the largest physicians' organizations in the United States—has voted its opposition to three bills pending in Congress.

It has urged Texas Congressmen to oppose:

1—Any extension of social security.

2—Any Federal aid for medical education.

3—Any Federal aid for medical care for school children.

Just how M. D.'s can do so much good in practicing their profession and so much harm in fighting good government as it relates to their calling is beyond the power of understanding.—(LLPE.)

## New AFL Radio Program Mar. 7

Washington.—Here is some more important radio news!

Beginning March 7, the American Federation of Labor goes on the air with a series of eight weekly radio programs over 130 stations of the American Broadcasting Company network, from coast to coast.

Name of the programs is "As We See It." They will originate from Washington, Tuesday nights, at 10:45 p.m. However, please consult your newspapers for the exact local time of broadcast.

The programs will feature interviews with national leaders and labor representatives, with interspersed comment on top news developments by Phil Pearl, AFL publicity director.

According to present plans, the opening program will offer interviews with AFL Pres. William Green and with U.S. Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.).

Time for these programs is made available to the A. F. of L. free of charge by the American Broadcasting Company as a public service. Business organizations also are accorded free time by the network in a corresponding program.

For up-to-the-minute information on labor's news and views, there is no better source than the "As We See It" programs. Make certain to listen to them regularly. Again we suggest that you consult your daily newspaper for the exact local time of broadcast.

## Farm Income 22% Below 1947 Peak

Washington.—U.S. farm income in 1949 was \$13.8 billion, a drop of 22 per cent from the peak 1947 figure, the Agriculture Dept. announced Feb. 21 after a preliminary survey. The drop in 1949 was sharper than that in 1948, indicating a sharp rate of acceleration.

The record high in 1947 was \$17.8 billion. In 1948 farm income was \$16.7 billion. The figures include the value of crops and livestock sold, placed under government contract or used on the farm, government payments and the rental value of the farm home.

Farm assets dropped sharply in 1949 to less than \$127 billion. This was more than \$4 billion below the peak in 1948. Decline in real estate value of farms alone, due to the reflection of lower farm prices, was \$3.9 billion.

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# Give Surplus to the Needy

(AFL RELEASE)

WASHINGTON.—Frank Edwards, AFL news commentator, helped to pry loose U. S.-held surplus foods for distribution to needy unemployed Americans.

Surplus potatoes, dried eggs and milk tied up by government red tape were made available in the past 30 days since Mr. Edwards opened fire on government bureaucracy for its failure to distribute these and other foodstuffs to temporarily distressed Americans.

Mr. Edwards began by reporting the plight of 10,000 people in Cumberland, Md. The facts were furnished him by the AFL Central Labor Union at Cumberland and the Washington, D. C., Trades and Labor Union of the AFL.

Members of Congress took up the fight after Edwards brought the situation to light and within a few days the government began releasing its huge stock of surplus potatoes to areas where they could be used. Two weeks later dried milk and eggs were added to the list. There may be other foodstuffs available soon.

The Congressional Record noted that "Mr. Frank Edwards on the radio has called attention several times" to the failure of government agencies to make surplus foods available.

His program, sponsored by the AFL, originates from Washington Monday through Friday, at 10:15 p.m., over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

## Grandmothers Want To Be Helpful

New York.—The main problem faced by today's grandmother—as a grandmother—is how to be helpful but not interfering, how to be available when needed, and yet avoid being imposed upon.

Modern grandparents have great confidence in their young people. They waste little time trying to force unasked advice upon them.

These were among conclusions reached in a discussion group for 20 grandmothers—real, expectant or hopeful—conducted by the Child Study Association.

## Coffee Prices Keep Us Awake

Does coffee keep you awake? The prices should.

During the past year, the Senate Agricultural Committee on Price Spreads revealed the price of coffee at the point of export for 15 major coffee companies increased less than 4 cents a pound while prices to consumers jumped nearly 35 cents from November 1947 to November 1949.—(LLPE)



**BLEAK KENTUCKY HOME.**—With seven of their eight children, Robert Cadle and his wife sit on the ramshackle porch of their old Kentucky home. A striking member of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated), Cadle is ready for a long fight. "If it's necessary we'll stay out. . . . It's the only way to protect our freedom," he says.

## Bldg. Trades Hold, Late '49

(Labor Department Release)

Washington—Wage scales of union workers in the construction industry were fairly stable during the last quarter of 1949, the U. S. Labor Dept.'s Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported.

According to a BLS survey of seven major crafts in 85 cities, wage scales advanced only two-tenths of one per cent, as compared with a one per cent rise in the same period of 1948. Higher wage scales were negotiated for some of the crafts in 20 of the 85 cities and affected about five per cent of the 525,000 workers included in the study.

Union scales are the minimum wage rates agreed upon through collective bargaining between employers and trade unions. Overtime beyond established maximum daily and weekly hours is excluded. The scales do not reflect either rates for apprentices or premium rates; thus they do not represent total hourly earnings of union labor.

Almost half the wage adjustments reported were for less than 10c an hour. During 1949 as a whole, union scales rose three per cent, as compared with a ten per cent increase in the preceding year.

The Bureau's estimate of the average hourly scale of all union workers in building construction was \$2.21 on Jan. 3, 1950. Since June 1, 1939, union hourly scales have advanced about 72 per cent.

Rate levels on Jan. 3, 1950 were compiled for 85 cities. (Rates for all these cities are on file with this newspaper.) Given below are the rates for major West Coast cities.

The figures below are the wage rates for seven key trades, listed in the following order in each case: bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, painters, plasterers, plumbers and building laborers:

Seattle—\$3, \$2.195, \$2.395, \$2.195, \$2.495, \$2.50, and \$1.795.

Portland—\$2.75, \$2.10, \$2.35, \$2.10, \$2.60, \$2.375, and \$1.70.

Salt Lake City—\$2.25, \$1.875, \$2.15, \$1.875, \$2.25, \$2.10, and \$1.325.

San Francisco—\$3, \$2.225, \$2.50, \$2.15, \$3, \$2.50, and \$1.55.

Oakland—\$3, \$2.225, \$2.50, \$2.15, \$3, \$2.50, and \$1.55.

Los Angeles—\$2.625, \$2.12, \$2.50, \$2.08, \$2.50, \$2.50, and \$1.57.

San Diego—\$2.50, \$2.12, \$2.50, \$2.10, \$2.50, \$2.50, and \$1.57.

(Ed. Note: It is interesting to note how, as one goes down the coast, the wage rates also go down, although rates in the Bay Area are about the highest on the coast.)

## Must Elect 20

This year, 1950, in November, organized labor will be given the opportunity to finish the job it started in November of 1948. According to voting records in the House and Senate, we need only 15 more Congressmen and five more Senators on our side to repeal Taft-Hartley—plus keeping the Senators and Congressmen already on our side in Congress to fight for our cause.

We promised our members that we would keep them advised of the voting records of their elected representatives so they might know exactly how they measure up when it comes to voting on the issues which affect all members of organized labor.

(The above paragraphs appeared in the February issue of the Electrical Workers' Journal, together with the voting records of the Representatives and Senators in Washington. Read your Journal, it will enlighten you as to how the legislators are voting.)

## Rhodes Backed

Reading, Pa.—Rep. George Rhodes (D., Pa.), elected in 1948 from Berks County with AFL backing, has been endorsed for reelection by the State Democratic Committee. The endorsement was included in a blanket pledge of support for all of the Democratic incumbents in Congress who seek reelection.

## Brown Confers With Greek Leaders



Irving Brown, right, AFL International representative, confers with Greek labor leaders on strengthening the democratic trade unions in that country. Talking to Brown, l. to r., are Demetrios Zeppos, Greek minister of Labor; Fotis Macris, secretary-general of the Greek Confederation of Labor, and John T. Correll, labor attache of the U. S. Embassy. All were guests of the U. S. Economic Cooperation Administration Mission.

## U.S. Approving Homes Too Small For Living

By WILLIAM GREEN, President, American Federation of Labor  
(Before House Banking Committee urging passage of Spence-Sparkman Middle Income Cooperative Housing Bill)

Washington.—Private builders are forcing American families into housing units far too small for adequate family living.

Federal Housing Administration sets a certain "minimum size of space" for rooms in a dwelling unit which builders of houses and apartments have to meet before they can get approval for FHA guaranteed loans. These standards simply do not provide enough space for decent family living.

Recently, our AFL Housing Committee noticed that some 2-bedroom apartments now being made available in the Washington area were renting at \$75 to \$80 a month instead of \$85 to \$95.

Encouraged by this apparent trend, we asked a member of our research staff to inspect these apartments. He found that although the rents in these apartments were indeed somewhat lower than in most new apartment developments in this area, the living space had been reduced more than proportionately. In fact, the living space in these apartments is actually at or near the absolute minimum required by the FHA.

For example, a typical 2-bedroom apartment which our staff member inspected had the following measurements:

Living room—10 ft. 2 in. by 15 ft.; bedroom—10 ft. 6 in. by 10 ft. 2 in.; second bedroom—8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 8 in.; kitchen-dining space—15 ft. by 6 ft. 2 in.

This is an over-all area of about 440 sq. ft. which means that the total area of the apartment is about 525 sq. ft. These are apartments which are being rented to

veterans in the Washington area with one, 2, and sometimes even more children.

These are the housing units, which private builders are constructing, and FHA is approving, for middle-income families. These facts by themselves are startling enough but they become even more vivid when we realize that the housing units the federal government is approving for middle-income families would not meet the standards set for low-income families in public housing projects by the Public Housing Administration. In our opinion, the public housing standards represent an absolute bare minimum for decent family living.

If we permit these trends to continue, we are not only encouraging the construction of the slums of tomorrow, but we are creating definite psychological and community problems which will have a seriously injurious effect on every aspect of American life.

## How to Help Elect Liberals

The Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator lists two steps you can take now to insure a truly liberal Congress in 1951:

"Take the first necessary step now, register to vote. While you're about it, make sure that all of the members of your immediate family of voting age register too. Ask your co-workers, friends, neighbors and acquaintances to register, and as voting days near, remind them of their obligation to cast their ballots as citizens in a democracy.

"There's another way you can help too. Give to Labor's League for Political Education, the American Federation of Labor's political arm. A \$2 investment in LLPE will do much toward helping elect a liberal Congress—one whose members will be true representatives of the people."

## Hayes Appointed

Washington.—Pres. A. J. Hayes of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists was appointed a member of the United States section of the Anglo-American Council of Productivity to replace Harvey Brown, former Machinists president, who is now labor advisor to Gen. John J. McCloy, high commissioner for Germany.

## Farm Bureau Farms Farmers

"The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation is open to membership for bankers and businessmen and professional men as well as farmers and it appears that perhaps two bankers or businessmen grow in the Farm Bureau for every dirt farmer . . .

"When you hear that the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation takes some action destructive to labor and hostile to the people in general do not blame the dirt farmers, for this Farm Bureau is a nestling place for those who farm the farmers."—Minneapolis Labor Review.



# Would Junk Cars To Keep High Price Up

(Reprinted from "LABOR")

In convention at Atlantic City this week, automobile dealers from all over the country revealed they are worried. The supply of new cars is outrunning demand. Many new cars are being sold in the "black market" at cut prices. That forces dealers to grant large "cash discounts" on new cars, and big "trade-in allowances" on old ones. This reduces dealers' profits.

So what do you suppose was seriously proposed at the convention? A scheme like the "farm support" system, under which Uncle Sam buys and destroys foods to make them scarce and keep prices high, thus saving farmers from the results of "overproduction!"

The dealers' scheme is double-barreled. First, they and auto manufacturers would share the cost of buying and junking up to 17 million old cars, to "take them off the market." That would be hard on people who can't afford to buy anything but old cars, but it would boost new-car demand and profits. Just dandy for the dealers.

Second, the dealers want all states to pass laws requiring that the "title" to old cars be destroyed before they are sold to junkmen, so the latter cannot repair them and sell them to someone who needs cheap transportation.

Now, who do you suppose was the featured speaker at this convention? No other than Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, leader of the Byrd-Democrats, and "pal" of the Taft-Republicans!

Byrd made his usual speech denouncing the Truman Administration for "wastefulness." What would he have said if Truman suggested wasting billions by junking millions of autos to keep their prices high? That proposal came from businessmen, however, so Byrd raised no objection.

## Lazy Voters Brought Taft-Hartley Law

No comment is needed on this statement by Chairman Anthony D. Pickrell of Labor's Educational and Political Club of Kansas City, Mo.:

"We must not let what happened in 1946 happen again.

"You remember in 1946 we failed to do our duty by being registered and by voting and disastrous results followed. We got the wrong Representatives and Senators in Washington and we got the Taft-Hartley law. Remember that, don't you?"

"We must get out and register and vote. . . ."

## How Elections Are Won

Speaking of a two-day convention of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota called for aggressive constructive political action.

Senator Humphrey said:

"Elections are not won in Washington. Elections are not won by 'topbrass' strategy.

"Elections are won by hard work and active participation in every voting precinct in the country.

"The essentials of a successful political campaign are:

"1. A program that meets the needs of the people.

"2. Candidates that are willing to fight for the people.

"3. A political organization that belongs to and is controlled by the rank and file of the people.

"4. A clear cut statement of the issues in language that can be understood by the people.

"This is the job which the American Federation of Labor's political league has undertaken. It has advanced its program with amazing strides. The acid test of its effectiveness will be in this election year of 1950."

We will beat the bosses with our ballots

## Law Forces Govt. To Keep Prices Up

You could afford to eat more ham these days if the Brannan Plan were in operation.

Right now the Dept. of Agriculture is buying pork to keep prices up. The Department has to do this under existing legislation.

These purchases of pork keep farmers' incomes at an adequate level (which is good), but they also keep prices high in your grocery store (which is bad for your pocketbook).

What would the Brannan Plan do about that situation? It would guarantee good income to farmers, but also would let market prices find their own level—based on supply and demand. That would mean lower prices for pork chops, spare-ribs, hams, bacon and other pork products because there is a big supply of them now.—(LLPE).

## State Fed. Moves Hdqtrs.

(State Fed. Release)

The California State Federation of Labor and the California Labor League for Political Education will officially open new San Francisco offices on March 6, 1950.

New address will be 810 David Hewes Building, 995 Market Street, San Francisco 3, California. The Hewes Building is situated on the southeast corner of 6th and Market Streets.

The office change was necessitated by the fact that the Flood Building, which now houses the Federation, will be torn down commencing as of January 1951.

## Miners Are Solid

Pittsburgh.—The weight of two Taft-Hartley injunctions could not force 370,000 soft coal miners to abandon their nationwide strike. Word from mining communities throughout the country was that the strikers were remaining solidly out despite the two injunctions, issued within a span of three days.

## TWO NEW PROJECTS IN MONTEREY AREA

Union Laborers, of Monterey Laborers Union 690, were called to three new projects in the area last week, according to Business Agent S. M. Thomas.

Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville is erecting a new school at Tulacito, in the Carmel Valley. Equipment has been moved in.

In Carmel, a new Episcopal church is being built. Contractor Leonard English of Santa Cruz, called for several laborers for preliminary work.

Los Gatos Construction Co. is doing a road project in the Carmel Valley, using union laborers, Thomas said.

## N. J. Federation Wants Rent Control Extended

Trenton, N. J.—The New Jersey State Federation of Labor, through Sec.-Treas. Vincent J. Murphy, has asserted "it will mobilize the Jersey congressmen and senators to fight for continuance of federal rent control after June 30 when the present law is scheduled to expire."

## Two Men Injured At Moss Landing

Two union workers at the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. project at Moss Landing were injured last week in two separate accidents which occurred in a period of ten minutes, it was reported.

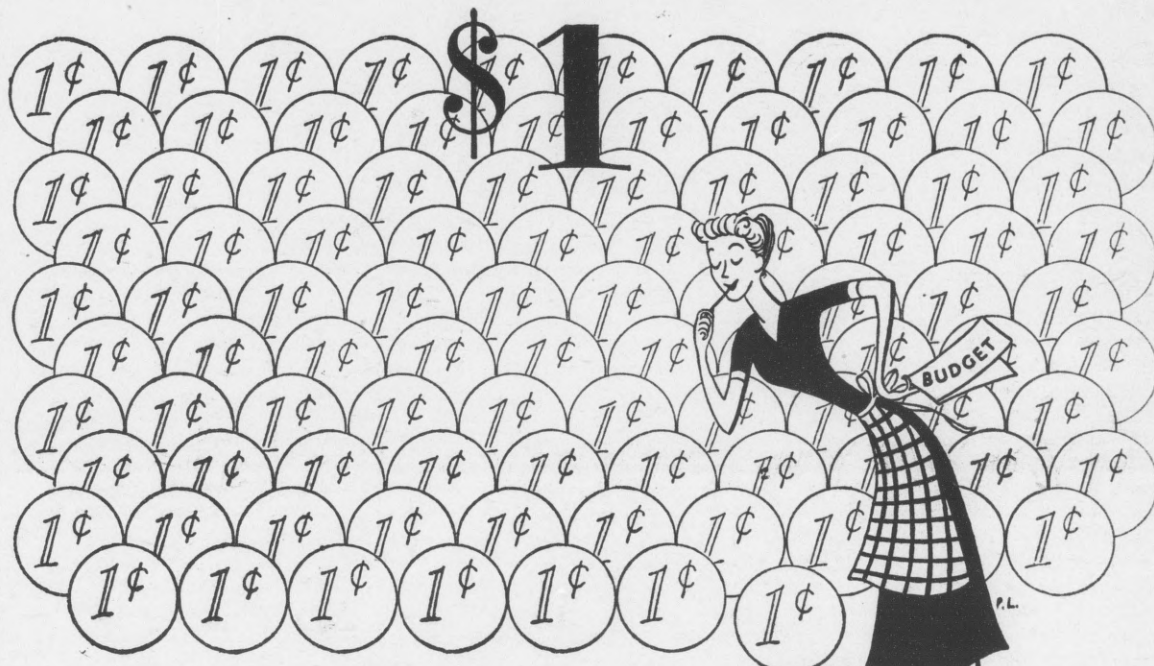
George Danielson, of Salinas, was taken to a Salinas hospital with a bruised knee and head injuries after he reportedly slipped and fell from a staging.

Mario Cognacci, of San Francisco, was treated by a physician in Watsonville after being struck on the head by a "come-along" which had slipped on its cable. He was not seriously hurt.

## Seattle Bldg. Trades

Seattle.—The coldest winter weather since records have been kept created an "extremely serious" unemployment situation in the building trades here. Bus. Agt. Harry L. Carr of the Joint Council of Carpenters said 90 per cent of the 3,000 carpenters were jobless in mid-February. He described the post-Christmas unemployment as being "as bad as the worst days of the depression."

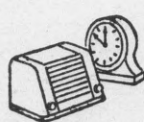
## IF YOUR FAMILY EXPENSES WERE



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- The remaining 3 cents would cover all the following vital home services:



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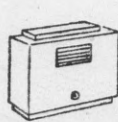
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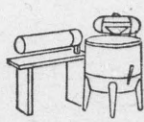
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Heating



Washing and Ironing

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**POTATOES AND POTATOES.**—Walter Roberts makes \$50 a week. Here he is shown with his wife and their 16 children trying to explain how he manages to feed them on that salary. "Every fall," he told newsmen at Leiterburg, Md., "I buy one ton of potatoes, to last until about April." While the spuds are the mainstay of the menu, Roberts said the family eats meat about once weekly.